

Neighborhood Belltown
Implementor Parks and Recreation
Matrix KS 2.2

Activity *Obtain City funding to develop a program that identifies the appropriate facilities and services for a Belltown Neighborhood Center, and identify alternative sites for the center. Using the program, establish Belltown Multi-Purpose Neighborhood Center providing recreational opportunities, youth activities, senior services, childcare and adult daycare, meeting rooms and space for public and private events. Provide for commercial space as method of self-sustaining funding for the community center and as a method of maintaining and promoting the eclectic nature of Belltown small businesses.*

KS 2.2: 1 of 1

Sub-Activity Negotiate purchase of space for a neighborhood center in Belltown.

Sub-Act The Parks and Recreation Department has worked with the Belltown Community since 2000 to locate and
Comment(s) build a community center as provided by the 1999 Seattle Center/Community Center Levy. A Project Advisory Team for this project, comprised of community members, selected the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) site on First Avenue (2407 First Ave.) as the preferred site. Since 2002, LIHI worked diligently to secure necessary funds to build housing, offices for LIHI, retail space and the community center on that site. Following delays, funding has been approved, allowing the project to make progress.

Jason Wachs
12/21/05

At a December 2005 announcement event held at LIHI offices, Parks Superintendent Ken Bounds said, "Seattle Parks and Recreation has been working for some time with the community and the Low Income Housing Institute to find a suitable location for a new community center in Belltown. This funding will enable us to move forward with plans to create a great new gathering place for the Belltown community.

12/15/05 News Advisory: Affordable homes slated for Belltown and Central District
Mayor Greg Nickels announced \$5.1 million today to help build 85 apartments for homeless families and low-income workers in the Belltown and Hiawatha neighborhoods.

"Having a roof over your head isn't a luxury, it is a necessity," Nickels said. "Whether you are a family struggling to stay off the streets or a service worker struggling to make ends meet, these projects will help keep housing within reach for those who need it most."

The Belltown View Apartments project will create 25 units above a new Belltown Community Center. Seattle Parks and Recreation is contributing \$1.7 million to the overall \$11 million development price tag to make the community center a reality.

"Seattle Parks and Recreation has been working for some time with the community and the Low Income Housing Institute to find a suitable location for a new community center in Belltown," said Ken Bounds, Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent. "This funding will enable us to move forward with plans to create a great new gathering place for the Belltown community."

Updated June 2005, but no additional comments were added.

Jason Wachs
08/16/05

2004 Priority Summary: The Belltown stewardship organization (the Denny Hill Association) conducted an extensive site selection process and choose the Low Income Housing Institute's proposed Belltown View project on 1st Avenue as the preferred site. The project is currently on hold pending LIHI's securing critically needed funding for the larger project. LIHI will apply for funding in both spring and fall funding cycles and the stewardship group has decided to reassess the situation at the end of 2004.

Gary Johnson
05/07/04

This project is on hold until LIHI can come up with the necessary funding to proceed with the Belltown View project. Building of the community center is contingent upon LIHI obtaining the necessary funding. Susanne Friedman

Work with LIHI and community to build Belltown Neighborhood Center

Gary Johnson
02/06/04

Target Completion	2005/0	Estimated Cost	\$1,910.00(O)	Status	Completed
Lead Agency/Contact	Parks and Recreation; Toby Ressler, 615-1482			Priority	Top

Implementor Neighborhoods

Matrix KS 1.2

Activity *Provide more green space in the Regrade neighborhood through implementation of Growing Vine Street and other Green Streets, as their designs are developed.*
When a single department is assigned to implement and maintain green streets (see KS 1.4), that department should define public and property owner involvement requirements.

KS 1.2: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Construction of stairways & decorative water street features in the Vine Street right of way between Elliott & Western.

Sub-Act	The Growing Vine Street Cistern Steps improvements and adjacent P-Patch work is now complete.	Jason Wachs
Comment(s)	Community celebrations have occurred and the finished product is being used as the prototype and inspiration for the design charrettes for other possible nearby improvements. One minor issue must still be resolved concerning the power connections to the pedestrian lights. This issue should be resolved soon and the contracts for this project closed out.	10/26/05

2004 Priority Summary: The construction of the stairways and streetscape improvements in currently underway (July 2004). A combination of Neighborhood Matching Fund, Opportunity Fund, King County Grants and public fund raising has made this project possible.	Dena Gazin 09/13/04
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The project went out to bid in April and bids will be opened on May 5. At that point, the Growing Vine Street organization will know whether they can proceed with construction or go back to fundraising.	Gary Johnson 05/07/04
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Plan will be going out to bid in late March 2004, with anticipated construction beginning in mid-summer.	Dena Gazin 03/12/04
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Target Completion	2004/3	Estimated Cost	390,360.00(O)	Status	Completed
Lead Agency/Contact	Neighborhoods; Steve Sheppard, 684-0302			Priority	Second

Implementor Parks and Recreation

Matrix KS 1.1

Activity *Preserve and expand the Belltown P-Patch through the acquisition of additional property, including the cannery cottages and the 'inset' lot within the P-Patch.*

KS 1.1: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Work with community to rehabilitate the cannery cottages property.

Sub-Act Comment(s) 2004 Priority Summary: The cottage property has been acquired and the three cottages were renovated with the exception of the interior of one of the cottages. NMF remains a possible source of funding for the final interior when the Friends organization feels they have the capacity to tackle it. SPU has awarded \$5,000 to help develop a rooftop rainwater collection system. Gary Johnson 05/07/04

Interior of third cottage has not been funded. Gary Johnson 02/06/04

SPU is assisting the community group with a \$5,000 grant to help develop a rooftop rainwater collection system. Unknown User 11/06/01

Target Completion 2004/0 **Estimated Cost** \$109,000(O) **Status** Completed

Lead Agency/Contact Parks and Recreation; Andy Sheffer, 684-7041 **Priority** Third

Implementor DPD

Matrix KS 2.15

Activity *Establish Conservation or Community Heritage District in the Belltown/Denny Regrade area. Several neighborhoods have requested such designation with the objective of preserving buildings which are not 'historic,' but whose character substantially contributes to the neighborhood's identity. See the Plan for a list of buildings that would be covered under this program.*

KS 2.15: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity** Work with the Belltown/Denny Regrade neighborhood to create specific design guidelines that reflect existing character.

Sub-Act Comment(s) 2004 Priority Summary: The Department of Planning & Design have completed Design Guidelines, and have forwarded a list of heritage or 'significant' buildings to the City Council for a public hearing; new Design Guidelines went into effect August, 2004. Dena Gazin 09/13/04

DPD has been working with the Belltown Housing and Land Use Committee and neighborhood design guidelines are almost finished. Gary Johnson 05/07/04

Work is nearly complete on the Belltown neighborhood guidelines. John Skelton 03/05/04

Proposed guidelines to be forwarded to DCLU in 3rd quarter 2000. 4/15/03- Work is ongoing to develop neighborhood specific design guidelines (see AA 7). John Skelton 04/12/00

Target Completion 2004/0 **Estimated Cost** N/A **Status** Completed

Lead Agency/Contact DPD; John Skelton, 233-3883 **Priority** Fourth

Implementor DPD

Matrix KS 2.12

Activity *DCLU should undertake a study to expand the area where Street Level Uses (retail and service uses) are required. Currently, Street Level Uses are required on 1st and 3rd Avenues from Cedar Street to Stewart Street, and on portions Cedar Street, 4th and 5th Avenues in the Five Corners area.*

Alternative 1: Expand the area to include Western Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue. Extend the area from Cedar Street to Denny Way.

Alternative 2: Expand the area to include 2nd Avenue between Cedar Street and Virginia Street and all of the east-west streets between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue from Cedar Street to Virginia Street, with a recommendation that design review encourage live/work space on the streets, especially near the alleys.

KS 2.12: 1 of 1

Sub-Activity Provide an analysis regarding expanding the required area for street level uses, and make recommendations in conjunction with the Downtown Urban Design Strategy.

**Sub-Act
Comment(s)**

DPD has submitted legislation to the Council to add Second Avenue to the list of streets where street level uses are required. DPD has also agreed to work with the Community further to study appropriate street level requirements on other streets.

Jason Wachs
09/13/05

2004 Priority Summary: As a first step, and in coordination with the community, DPD recommended legislation legitimizing live/work uses in mixed use buildings at street level. After meeting with community representatives more recently, it was agreed that the community would need to come up with some resources to further analyze Belltown streets. Possibly a future NMF project.

Dena Gazin
09/13/04

After meeting with community representatives, it was agreed, recognizing the lack of DPD resources for undertaking an analysis of Belltown streets at this time, that if the community would come up with resources to further analyze the streets in Belltown, we would work with them to agree to a process and criteria. We currently await further information from the community [Mark Troxel, DPD]

Unknown User
03/03/04

4/15/03- DCLU has recommended legislation legitimizing live/work in mixed use buildings at street level; discussions underway regarding expanding the area where street level uses are required in the Belltown Neighborhood.

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04/11/00

Target Completion

Estimated Cost N/A

Status Completed

Lead Agency/Contact DPD; Mark Troxel, 615-1739

Priority Fifth